

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am 71 years old and still driving a school bus to supplement my SSI check. My natural gas bill just doubled, not from the price of gas but do to the tax increases. Eletricity is the same, as is my home phone bill. Over half of that bill is taxes. I do not have long distance service, and I can not efford a cell phone. But I do have a pre-paid tactphone to use in an emergency. And I have use it more than once to do car troubles.

Please let those who use these services for profit and can afford to pay more do so. I use my phone, utilities, etc. for necessity of life. Not for profit or a pay-check.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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